*In completing this form please remember that you are referring a candidate into a discernment process in which they, you and Diocesan and/or National Advisers are partners. The discernment process for ordination takes on average appx 18 months from this point but could be longer or shorter. For Licensed Lay Ministry it can be much shorter.*

**Clergy Name and Benefice**

*(if you are not the Incumbent please also give their name, and indicate whether you have spoken to them about this candidate)*

**Candidate’s Name**

**contact details for Candidate:**

**(email and phone)**

**Candidate’s date of birth**

**Is the candidate**

**Baptised? (date if known)**

**Confirmed? (date if known)**

*Note that a candidate can be baptised in any denomination that uses a Trinitarian formula, but must be confirmed Episcopally (Methodist confirmation is not valid)*

**A Licensed Reader / LLM?** **A Church Army Evangelist?**

**A recognised/licensed/authorised Minister in another denomination? (give details)**

**Does the Candidate hold** **Bishops Permission to preach?**

 **A Bishops Commission for Mission?**

**How long have you known the candidate?**

**How long has the candidate been a worshipping member of your benefice if different?**

**If less than 3 years, were they previously a worshipping member of an Anglican church?**

**Marital Status**

**Single / Married / Civil Partnership / Widowed / Separated / Divorced /**

***\*\*If a candidate for ordination or their spouse has been previously married to someone else who is still living, PLEASE speak to the DDO’s Office about the Canon C4 Faculty Process.\*\****

**Ministry**

**Do you support this candidate entering discernment for selection for training and ordination/licensing?** **yes/no**

**Will you be happy to write a supportive reference for this candidate?**

**Indicate any of the following that might apply to them.**

Candidate for Licensed Lay Ministry

Candidate for stipendiary ministry (must be ordained deacon by the time they are 55)

Candidate for Self-Supporting Ministry (must be ordained deacon by the time they are 66\*)

Candidate for Distinctive Diaconate (SSM)

***\*For candidates who would be older than 66 at the point of ordination, please speak to the DDO***

**Additional Questions**

***Please don’t feel you need to answer the following in any great detail, but any comments you have will be useful. Not answering will not impact negatively on the candidate!***

**What do you perceive to be their main strengths? / main weaknesses?**

**What experience do you have of them being able to articulate their faith, beliefs and spirituality and can they make connections between faith and life?**

**How far do you feel their vocation is realistic and informed?**

**What steps have they taken to understand the priesthood/diaconate within the Church of England?**

**Hypothetically, would you be happy for this person to serve in your parish if ordained/licensed?**

**Any other comments you would wish to make?**

Signed Date

Name

Address

Telephone

e-mail

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